Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A connection accepting system, comprising:

client terminals connected to a network; ~~and~~

a first server for accepting connection requests from said client terminals through said network,

wherein said first server includes a priority order setting unit which, upon receiving a first connection request from a first client terminal of said client terminals, sets a connection priority for said first client terminal and transmits data conveying said connection priority to said first client terminal; and a connection managing unit for allowing connection of said client terminals according to connection priority upon receiving a second connection request from a second client terminal of said client terminals after said first connection request; ~~and~~

said first client terminal displays connection priority information, based on said data conveying said connection priority; and

a second server for executing a process according to requests from said client terminals, wherein said first server accepts said first and second connection requests as connection requests for said second server and, when said connection managing unit allows connection of said first and second client terminals, connects said first and second client terminals with said second server.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) A server for accepting connection requests from client terminals through a network, comprising:

a connection-order setting unit which, upon receiving a first connection request from a first client terminal of said client terminals, sets an order of connection for said first client terminal; and

a connection managing unit for allowing connection of said client terminals according to said order of connection, upon receiving a second connection request from a second client terminal of said client terminals after said first connection request;

wherein a program for automatically executing said second connection request again is transmitted to said client terminal to which said order of connection has been set.

4. (Original) The accepting server according to Claim 3, wherein

data of said order of connection set by said connection-order setting unit is transmitted to said first client terminal; and

said first client terminal is caused to display connection-order information, based on said data.

5. (Original) The accepting server according to Claim 3, further comprising a

connection-number monitoring unit for monitoring a number of connectable client terminals,

wherein said connection managing unit allows connection of one of said client terminals which is highest in said order of connection, after acceptance of connection of a new client terminal has become possible, based on a number of connectable client terminals obtained by said connection-number monitoring unit.

Claims 6-26 (Cancelled).

27. (New) The accepting server according to Claim 3, further comprising:

a maximum-connection-number setting counter for setting a maximum number of connections that can be connected simultaneously to the server;

a connection-number counter for indicating a number of client terminals connected to the server; and

a connectable-number counter for indicating a number of client terminals that can be connected to the server.

28. (New) The accepting server according to Claim 27, wherein the connection managing unit is configured to allow connection of one of the client terminals which is highest in the order of connection, after acceptance of connection of a new client terminal has become possible, based on the number of connectable client terminals indicated by the connectable-number counter.

29. (New) The accepting server according to Claim 28, wherein the connection managing unit is configured to allow the connection when the number of connectable client terminals indicated by the connectable-number counter is at least one.

30. (New) The accepting server according to Claim 27, further comprising:

a connection queue data holding section; and

a connection-right acquired pool section.

31. (New) The accepting server according to Claim 30, wherein the connection managing unit is configured to allow the connection when the number of connectable client terminals indicated by the connectable-number counter is at least one; and wherein the connection managing unit is configured to not allow the connection when the number of connectable client terminals indicated by the connectable-number counter is less than one.

32. (New) The accepting server according to Claim 31, wherein the connection managing unit is configured to issue a reference number to the client terminal whose connection is not allowed, the reference number indicating connection priority to the client terminal, and wherein the connection managing unit is configured to add the reference number to a connection queue in the connection queue data holding section.

33. (New) The accepting server according to Claim 32, wherein the connection managing unit is configured to send data associated with the reference number back to the client terminal.

34. (New) The accepting server according to claim 32, wherein the connection managing unit is configured to determine if there is a connection queue in the a connection queue data holding section, upon receipt of a notification to release a right of connection

35. (New) The accepting server according to claim 34, wherein the connection managing unit is configured to decrement the number in the connection-number counter by one, in the case there is no connection queue.

36. (New) The accepting server according to claim 34, wherein the connection managing unit is configured to transfer a reference number, highest in priority order, to the connection-right acquired pool section, in the case there is a connection queue.